(*b*) the extent of *punja* lands which are saved from the inrush of brackish water by the existence of such a sluice; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that, as the temporary sluice does not satisfactorily prevent the flow of brackish water, there is the need for a permanent sluice at or near that place?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 200.

(*b*) About 1,400 acres of *punja* paddy lands lying along both sides of the Pattiyur-Karipuzha canal for a distance of three miles and distributed in the Pattiyur, Cheppad and Valiakuzhi pakuties of the Kartikapalli taluk and the Kannamangalam pakuthi of the Mavelikara taluk.

(*c*) This will be enquired into.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the member be pleased to state whether any requisition has been received from the public for the construction of a permanent sluice on the Karipuzha *todu*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information here and I am unable to answer that question now.

Site for Public Offices at Mavelikara.

341. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the site for putting up buildings for the public offices at Mavelikara was acquired;

(*b*) the amount paid for such site and the income derived from it annually;

(*c*) the rent paid by the Government annually for the buildings in which the several courts and offices at Mavelikara are housed;

(*d*) whether the present Taluk Cutcherry building is accessible to all classes of people; and

(*e*) whether they have written to the Municipal Council, Mavelikara, to suggest means for disposing of that site?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In 1087 M. E.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 3,558-24-4 was paid for the site. The income derived from it annually on account of Kuthakapattam lease is Rs. 60-7-0.

(*c*) Rs. 1,620.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government considered the question of putting up a building on the site that has been acquired?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have they come to any conclusion?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The conclusion arrived at is that it is better and cheaper to rent out buildings rather than invest a very large some of money for the construction of a building there.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What was the estimated expenditure?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Over three quarters of a lakh of rupees.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know the offices which were proposed to be accommodated in the building to be constructed at a cost of over Rs. 75,000?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): All the offices which are now there have to be located in a common place.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What are those offices?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): All the offices which are now in rented buildings. They are the Munsiff's Court, the Assistant Engineer's office, the Assistant Excise Commissioner's office, the Anchal Inspector's office, the Assistant School Inspector's office, the Maramath Section office, the P. W. D. Section office, the Veterinary Hospital, the Excise Inspector's office, the Agricultural Inspector's office, the Co-operative Inspector's office, and the Panchayat Court.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it not beneath the dignity of the Government to depend upon the accommodation which might be provided by private persons?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not think so, as they pay rent for such buildings.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it not an insecure tenure on which they are depending?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question of taking buildings on a long term lease or rent will be taken into consideration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government given up the question of constructing new buildings whenever buildings could be obtained at cheap rent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This is so far as Mavelikara is concerned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know what is the particular reason for taking Mavelikara into this particular category?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The high cost, the cheap rent for the buildings which can be secured and the number of scattered offices which have to be located in one common building.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The answer is not clear to me.

PRESIDENT: Your question is entirely out of order as it touches on a question of general policy.

Statement, by caste, of officers and clerks of the Kotamangalam, Muvattupuzha and Alwaye Sub-Divisions.

342. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Protestants, Mar Thoma Christians, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities among the present officers and clerks in each of the Kotamangalam, Muvattupuzha and Alwaye Sub-Divisions included in the Alwaye P. W. D. Division and of those among them who are natives of the respective Sub-Divisions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Dispensary at Perumbavur.

343. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Are the Government aware that the inhabitants of Perumbavur do not derive sufficient medical aid from the dispensary established there?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Excise Commissioner.

344. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN**: (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing the permanent appointments and acting appointments of more than three months' duration made in the Excise Department by the present Excise Commissioner from the date of his assuming charge of his office till the 10th Kanni 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement† containing the information is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of Assistant Commissioners and Inspectors of the Excise Department.

345. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Chritstians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other castes among the Inspectors and Assistant Commissioners in the Excise Department?

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* *Vide* Appendix II—page 634. † *Vide* Appendix III—page 633.

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